

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/577,867  
Applicants: Pascal DEL GALLO et al.  
Filed Internationally: November 5, 2004  
US National: April 28, 2006  
Title: ADDITION OF (A) BLOCKING AGENT(S) IN A CERAMIC  
MEMBRANE FOR CLOCKING CRYSTALLINE GROWTH  
OF GRAINS DURING ATMOSPHERIC SINTERING  
TC/A.U.: 1796  
Examiner: Khanh Tuan Nguyen  
Docket No.: Serie 6356  
Customer No.: 40582

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.